

MEDIA IGNORE SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, a Rasmussen poll found that 67 percent of likely voters support worksite enforcement actions to identify and deport illegal workers. That included a majority of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

The poll results are no surprise. Enforcement protects jobs for citizens and legal immigrants alike. Also, a long-term study released last week by the Center for Immigration Studies found that wages increased for legal workers after a worksite enforcement operation at a large meatpacker.

But you are unlikely to hear about studies and polls like these from the national media because of their left-wing slant on immigration issues. In fact, not a single major daily newspaper or a single network news program covered either the poll or the study.

Americans need the media to report the facts, not ignore the news.

H.R. 745, PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION BILL

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about H.R. 745, the Pancreatic Cancer Research and Education bill, which I introduced together with my colleague, ANNA ESHOO.

I just came from a meeting of the Pancreatic Cancer Network, and they are going to be lobbying on the Hill for additional funding for pancreatic cancer research, which is exactly what this bill does.

Many in this chamber and many in my district know that my husband passed away from pancreatic cancer last August 19. This is a very, very special bill to me, because we will have the kind of funding so that there can be an early warning detection system for those who may have pancreatic cancer. Catching pancreatic cancer in the early stages is absolutely necessary. So, again, that bill is H.R. 745.

I was a little disillusioned to hear one of the people who was at this event today tell me that when they went to their Member of Congress, their Member of Congress said, "Well, I am sorry, but you are a special interest group." Yes, they are a special interest group. They lost a loved one to pancreatic cancer.

I urge my colleagues to please listen to the family members of those who have lost loved ones to pancreatic cancer.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy:

Mrs. MCCARTHY, New York

Mr. KING, New York

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, March 26, 2009:

H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 30, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, The Capitol, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 30, 2009, at 9:38 a.m.:

That the Senate passed with amendments H.R. 1388.

Appointments:
Senate National Security Working Group.
National Council of the Arts.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

HOMELESS VETERANS RE-INTEGRATION PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass

the bill (H.R. 1171) to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1171

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS RE-INTEGRATION PROGRAM.

Section 2021(e)(1)(F) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "2009" and inserting "2014".

SEC. 3. HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS VETERANS WITH CHILDREN RE-INTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2021 the following new section:

"§ 2021A. Homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children reintegration grant program

"(a) GRANTS.—Subject to the availability of appropriations provided for such purpose, the Secretary of Labor shall make grants to program and facilities that the Secretary determines provide dedicated services for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants under this section shall be used to provide job training, counseling, placement services (including job readiness and literacy and skills training) and child care services to expedite the reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children into the labor force.

"(c) REQUIREMENT TO MONITOR EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS.—(1) The Secretary of Labor shall collect such information as that Secretary considers appropriate to monitor and evaluate the distribution and expenditure of funds appropriated to carry out this section. The information shall include data with respect to the results or outcomes of the services provided to each homeless veteran under this section.

"(2) Information under paragraph (1) shall be furnished in such form and manner as the Secretary of Labor may specify.

"(d) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out this section through the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

"(e) BIENNIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of Labor shall include as part of the report required under section 2021(d) of this title an evaluation of the grant program under this section, which shall include an evaluation of services furnished to veterans under this section and an analysis of the information collected under subsection (c).

"(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) In addition to any amount authorized to be appropriated to carry out section 2021 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

"(2) Funds appropriated to carry out this section shall remain available until expended. Funds obligated in any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2021 the following new item:

"2021A. Homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children reintegration grant program."